

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**
Southern Division

FAITH SAKALA,

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PLAINTIFF,

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v.

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CASE NO.: PWG-16-790

BERNADETTE TEMBO MILUNGA, et al.,

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DEFENDANTS.

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ORDER

I have reviewed Plaintiff Faith Sakala's Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, ECF Nos. 106 and 110; Magistrate Judge Charles Day's Report and Recommendation, ECF No. 115; Defendants' Objection to the Report and Recommendation, ECF No. 116; Plaintiff's Motion to Strike Objection, ECF No. 117; and Defendants' Response to Plaintiff's Motion to Strike, ECF No. 118. Plaintiff moves to strike Defendants' 69-page objection as untimely, but Defendants assert that they filed it within fourteen days of receipt of Judge Day's Report and Recommendation. The Objection does not, however, provide a basis for reaching a conclusion on Plaintiff's Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses other than the one that Judge Day recommended in his thorough and well-reasoned Report and Recommendation.

Accordingly, it is, this 4th day of February, 2019 hereby ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff's Motion to Strike Objection, ECF No. 117, IS DENIED;
2. Defendants' Objection, ECF No. 116, IS OVERRULED;
3. Judge Day's Report and Recommendation, ECF No. 115, IS ADOPTED AS AN ORDER OF THE COURT, as follows:

- a. Plaintiff's Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses, ECF Nos. 106 & 110, IS GRANTED IN PART, as follows: Plaintiff is awarded attorneys' fees in the amount of \$73,443.34 and costs in the amount of \$10,482.33; and
 - b. Insofar as Plaintiff sought a greater award for fees and costs, her Motion IS DENIED;
5. This Order, which incorporates by reference the Preliminary Order of Judgment, ECF No. 104, is a final judgment within the meaning of Fed. R. Civ. P. 58; and
 4. The Clerk of the Court shall send copies of this Order to the parties and CLOSE this case.

/S/
Paul W. Grimm
United States District Judge

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